

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled WATERMARK ENCODER AND DECODER ENABLED SOFTWARE AND DEVICES, the specification of which

- is attached hereto.
- was filed on _____ as Application No. _____.
- was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____, filed on _____, and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).
- and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
- with amendments through _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority
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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	[]	[]
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Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or § 365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

(Application No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, Pending, abandoned)
09/165,142	10/1/98	Pending
09/503,881	2/14/00	Pending
09/507,096	2/1/00	Pending
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09/531,076	3/20/00	Pending
09/620,019	7/20/00	Pending

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